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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE AGREED JOINT COMMUNIQUE
TO BE ISSUED AT 6 P.M. MOSCOW TIME AND 10 A.M. WASHINGTON
TIME MARCH 31, 1977:

BEGIN TEXT

ON MARCH 28-30, 1977, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET
UNION, L.I. BREZHNEV AND MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU OF
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE
SOVIET UNION, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR,
A.A. GROMYKO, HELD TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CYRUS R. VANCE, WHO WAS IN
MOSCOW ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS THERE WAS A GENERAL
DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, AS WELL AS
CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST FOR
THE US AND THE USSR.

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CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO THE
COMPLETION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF
STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OCCUPIED THE CENTRAL PLACE IN
THE TALKS. THE SIDES HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE THE
CONSIDERATION OF THESE ISSUES.

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ALSO TOOK PLACE ON A NUMBER

OF OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LIMITATION OF
ARMAMENTS AND DISARMAMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT BILATERAL
CONTACTS, INCLUDING MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, WOULD BE HELD
TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS.

THE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDED THE
BELGRADE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, AND THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 1971. SPECIAL
ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND
THE USSR, AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS
ESSTNTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN
THE AREA. AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED TO HOLD, IN THE
FIRST HALF OF MAY, 1977, IN GENEVA, A MEETING BETWEEN THE
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE US AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE USSR FOR A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF
RESUMING THE WORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. SOME OF
THE OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE TALKS IN MOSCOW
WILL BE REVIEWED AT THAT TIME.

THE CONSIDERATION OF PRACTICAL QUESTIONS OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS PRODUCED SEVERAL SPECIFIC
UNDERSTANDINGS.

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